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REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1 – 3, 7 – 9, 11, 13 – 17, 21 – 25, 27, 31, 34 – 39, 41 and 46 - 64 will be pending.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's continued attention and consideration.

Claims 1 – 3, 7 – 9, 11, 13 – 17, 21 – 25, 27, 31, 34 – 39, 41 and 47 – 64 are allowed.

Claim 46 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Independent claim 46 has been amended to precisely correspond with (previously) allowable dependent claim 4, including all limitations of claim 4 and its allowed base claim (independent claim 1). Dependent claim 4 was previously canceled.

Accordingly, in view of the amendment, withdrawal of the rejection is requested,

Claim 46 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and precisely claim the subject matter which the applicants regard as the invention.

For the reasons set forth hereinabove, claim 46 is deemed to be in allowable form.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

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Conclusion

Applicant believes, in view of the amendments and remarks herein, that all grounds of rejection of the claims have been addressed and overcome, and that all claims are in condition for allowance.

If it would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,



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